(SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The prices of formulations specified in the third schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Orders, 1979 are statutorily controlled. The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 has helped moderate the prices of medicines. The main objective of the New Drug Policy would be better growth rate of pharmaceutical industry and ensuring abundant availability of essential and lifesaving drugs at reasonable prices.

Availability of essential drugs

698. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy for the distribution of life-saving and essential drugs adequately at controlled prices in the country; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not framed as yet, whether the same is proposed to be framed now, if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The prices of most medicines including life saving and essential medicines are statutorily controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Chemists are free to sell the price controlled formulations at prices not exceeding the maximum retail prices fixed by the Government. A number of Super Bazars in Delhi, other Union Territories and States are also engaged in the distribution of medicines. The availability of the medicines in the country is also monitored on the tests of reports received from the State Drug Controller, Zonal Drug Controllers and public.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

पेट्रोल पम्पों और गैस एजेन्सियों का आवंटन

699. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने बेरोजगार युवकों तथा अन्य लोगों को पेट्रोल पम्प तथा गैस एजेंसियां आवंटित की गई तथा सरकार इस संबंध में किस प्रकार की वितरण प्रणाली शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार संसद सदस्य की सिफारिश के आधार पर पेट्रोल पम्प आवंटित करने का विचार रखती है जैसा कि गैस कनेक्शन के आवंटन में किया जाता है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान तेल उद्योग द्वारा आवंटित की गई रिटेल आउटलेट डीलरशिपों तथा एल०पी०जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की कुल संख्या तथा इसमें से बेरोजगार युवकों (बेरोजगार स्नातकों/बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों) को आवंटित की गई संख्या का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :—

आवंटित की गई रिटेल आउटलेट की कुल संख्या	कालम 1 में से बेरोजगार/स्नातकों तथा बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों को आवंटित की गई संख्या	आवंटित की गई एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की कुल संख्या	कालम 3 में से बेरोजगार स्नातकों तथा बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकों की कुल सं०
1158	346	1140	261

विभिन्न वर्गों में रिटेल आउटलेट डीलरशिपों तथा एल०पी०जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप के वितरण की विद्यमान प्रणाली का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :—

अनुसूचित जातियां/अनुसूचित जनजातियां	25%
बेरोजगार स्नातक/बेरोजगार इंजीनियरिंग स्नातक यू०जी०/यू०ई०जी०)	25%
रक्षा वर्ग	7½%
शारीरिक रूप से अपंग (पी०एच०)	7½%
स्वतंत्रता सैनानी (एफ०एफ०)	5%
अन्य (ओ०)	30%

(ख) जी, नहीं।

Electrification of villages

760. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified with the assistance of the Rural Electrification Corporation and what was the cost thereof for such electrification by the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether Government propose electrify all the villages in the country and if so, by when this would be implemented;

(c) whether the REC propose to issue bonds for public subscription to augment rural electrification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) By the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan, 171,615 villages have been electrified through the REC financed schemes. A total amount of Rs. 1962.65 crores has been disbursed by the REC for the RE Programme including village electrification.

(b) Cent percent electrification of villages in the country is expected to be achieved during Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans, subject to availability of resources

(c) and (d) The REC proposes to issue bonds of the value of Rs. 65 crores for public subscription in order to augment its financial resources for funding the approved plan outlay of 1985-86, and achieving village electrification and pumpsets energisation under REC programme during 1985-86.

These bonds will be of two types-Cumulative Bonds Scheme and Non-Cumulative Bonds Scheme for the purpose of payment of interest and will carry interest 14 per cent per annum. The bonds will be in the denomination of Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 10,000/- each. These bonds will be redeemed at par after expiry of 7 years from the date of allotment. The Bonds will be secured by a charge on the current assets of the Corporation. The subscription list will open on 3rd March, 1986 and will close on 25th March, 1986 or earlier but not before 10th March, 1986.

Installed capacity of power plants in Punjab

761. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total installed capacity of all the power plants in Punjab at present;

(b) what are the details of the new schemes submitted by the Punjab Govt. to the CEA and which of these have been cleared so far; and

(c) what would be the installed capacity by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The total installed capacity in Punjab is 2439 MW including its share in the Bhakra Beas Hydro-electric Complex.